

REMARKS

Claims 8-12 were examined in the Office Action mailed December 12, 2007. The following objections and rejections are pending:

- The Specification stands objected to for referring to claims 1-6, which are no longer pending in the present application.
- Claims 8 and 9 stand objected to for informalities.
- Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,977,909 B2 to Minborg (“Minborg”).
- Claims 9-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Minborg in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,141,413 to Waldner, *et al.* (“Waldner”).

1. The Specification and Claim Objections Have Been Addressed.

The Applicants have amended the Specification to remove the references to claims 1-6. In addition, claims 8 and 9 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner’s helpful suggestions. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Specification and claim objections is respectfully requested.

2. The Claims Are Patentable Over Minborg. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections based on the Minborg reference on the ground that this reference does not disclose or suggest all of the features of the present invention recited in the pending claims.

The Minborg reference is cited as teaching all of the features of claim 8. This reference discloses a system for returning a “phonepage,” which is a “data object” containing information a called party wishes to be displayed on the calling party’s phone. Minborg Abstract. Importantly, Minborg does not disclose or suggest claim 8’s “switching means provided in the switching system for

receiving said Uniform Resource Locator (URL) and outputting a connection request to connect the call to the Web page.”

As shown in present Fig. 4, unlike Minborg, when processing a connecting request, a notification does not arrive at the user terminal B, but instead “U-turns” at the Local Mobile Multimedia Switching System (“L-MMS”), and returns to the Gateway Mobile Multimedia Switching System (“G-MMS”). Thus, due to the present invention’s switching means which conducts switching system functions for communicating among MMSs, it is not necessary to issue connecting requests to user B.

In contrast, in the passages cited in the Office Action (Minborg at 26:30-27:60 and 28:47-55) and as shown in Minborg Fig. 23, it is apparent that the A-party (corresponding to user B in present Fig. 4) sends a notification to the other party (Minborg’s B-party), *i.e.*, there is no intermediate switching means “for receiving said Uniform Resource Locator (URL) and outputting a connection request to connect the call to the Web page.”¹ Minborg therefore does not disclose or suggest all of the features of the present invention recited in claim 8 (and corresponding features of independent claim 9), and therefore the pending claims are patentable over Minborg under § 102(e) and § 103(a).

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending § 102(e) and § 103(a) rejections.

¹ As a separate matter, the Applicants note that in citing portions of Minborg, the Examiner identified the use of the term “Peer to Peer Phonepage” in Minborg in a manner which the Applicants believe was intended to indicate that peer-to-peer communications are relevant to the present invention. The Applicants note that “Peer to Peer” refers to communicating among *nodes*, a concept removed from, and having no relation to, the present switching system.

CONCLUSION

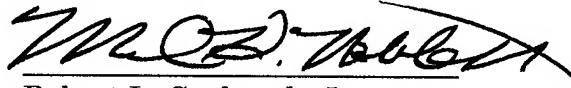
The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 8-12 are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for these claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 010755.52985US).

Respectfully submitted,

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